Hi, my name is Aniyah Riggins. I attend The SEED Public Charter School. I am in the 7^{th} grade. The reason I am writing this essay is because I want to tell you why my school is leading the way for other schools by demonstrating efforts of sustainability, environmental compassion, integrity, and the overall reduction of student carbon foot prints.

Did you know that the <u>SEED School of DC</u> is the only public boarding school in the whole country? What makes us more unique is our amazing school garden! Our greenhouses and garden beds were donated by cool places like Fourseasons and The Food Network channel / company.

The vegetables and herbs we grow in our garden club with Ms.Ramsey are used in cool salad recipes like cucumber and tomato. I couldn't forget the quinoa. Our school chef is Chef G. He visits the garden and picks organic vegetables. He also makes sure we have a full salad bar, vegetarian or vegan choices at breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Another benefit is when you get to high school you can continue gardening, by joining "PROJECT GREEN SEED". Other things we do are stuff for health. The things we do is run track, play flag football, basketball, volleyball, original football, and soccer. Another thing we do is extra curricular activities called S.P.A.R.K.S. Some days we do activities around the school by picking up trash and etc. We have to do it so our community can look nice. It is also done for the grass and garden so it will not die because of trash and etc.

Your fellow student,

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